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## **Arizona Justice Andrew D. Hurwitz Nominated to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – President Obama has nominated the Hon. Andrew D. Hurwitz, currently Vice Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, to serve as a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The White House announced the nomination today.

If confirmed by the Senate, Justice Hurwitz would fill a vacancy scheduled to occur on January 1, 2012, when Judge Mary M. Schroeder of Phoenix takes semi-retired senior status.

Justice Hurwitz, 64, was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court by then-Gov. Janet Napolitano in 2003, and has been the vice chief justice since 2009. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Justice Hurwitz engaged in private practice as a partner at Osborn Maledon from 1995 to 2003. He was an associate from 1974 to 1980 then partner from 1983 to 1995 at the firm of Martori Meyer Hendricks & Victor, which later became Osborn Maledon. He also served as a judge *pro tempore* on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 1, in 1994, 1996 and 1998.

A native of New York, Justice Hurwitz received his A.B. in 1968 from Princeton University, where he graduated *cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. in 1972 from Yale University, where he was a note and comment editor from 1971 to 1972, and served on the Board of Editors from 1969 to 1971. Following law school, he clerked for District Judge Jon O. Newman, U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, in 1972; Senior Circuit Judge J. Joseph Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, from 1972 to 1973; and Justice Potter Stewart, U.S. Supreme Court, from 1973 to 1974.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, Washington, San Francisco, California, and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and twice a year in Anchorage, Alaska. The court is authorized 29 judgeships, four of which are currently vacant.

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Judges of the federal appellate courts, who are appointed under Article III of the Constitution, are nominated by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve lifetime appointments upon good behavior. The current annual salary of a circuit judge is \$184,500.

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